quate space between inner and outer tubes throughout their life have been incorporated. This is supplemented by inservice inspection as necessary to ascertain the health of the pressure tubes. For older units, such design provisions are planned when the safe life of present pressure tubes is determind to be over and replacement taken up. Until then periodic inservice inspection, laboratory tests and analysis will be carried out to determine their health. All the above aspects are being continuouly reviewed by the existing multi-tier safety set-up headed by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board.

Smuggling in unprocessed uranium

257. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unrestricted mining in the Uranium rich Domiasiat region in Meghalaya's West Khasi region has encouraged smuggling of unprocessed Uranium besides posting security risk;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the employees of the Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. are suffering from tuberculosis because of inadequate safety measures; and

(c) if so, what measures are contemplated by Government to check the smuggling of unprocessed uranium from the region and to protect the employees from environmental hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) No; Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Security features of nuclear installations

258. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (A.E.R.B.) has recently directed the D. A. E. (Department of Atomic Energy) to carry out a full review of the Security arrangements in all the nuclear installations in the country including the nuclear power plants;

(b) if so; the details thereof;

(c) whether some steps have also been taken to strengthen the security measures recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) In the light of the recovery of 2.5 Kgs. of Sodium-di-Uranate, also called Yellow cake, in Meghalaya in October 1994 by the police authorities from four persons, an intimation has been, received by the Department of Atomic Energy from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board for a review of the security arrangements.

(c) Appropriate security arrangements have been made in all the nuclear installations of the Department both with Central Industrial Security Force and the DAEs Security staff. The arrangements are under constant review to strengthen and improve the systems.

(d) It is not in public interest to disclose the details of the security arrangements.

Setting up of Atomic Power Plant In different States

259. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: